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Title: COMMUNICATION SCHEME FOR REALIZING EFFECTIVE DATA INPUT/SETUP IN COMPACT SIZE PORTABLE TERMINAL DEVICE USING LOCALLY CONNECTED NEARBY COMPUTER DEVICE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

In a counterpart Japanese application, a Japanese Office Action issued on March 8, 2005. According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Action obtained by Applicants' representative, the Japanese Patent Office made certain characterizations of the references.

According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Action, document B1 discloses (regarding the "Difference", refer to document B4):

"Regarding (Difference 1), Reference B1 (Paragraphs [0017]-[0027]) has a configuration where Terminal B (Recipient of the set-up information) obtains the set-up information from Terminal A (Provider of the set-up information)."

According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Action, document B2 discloses (regarding the "Difference", refer to document B4):

"Regarding (Difference 2), as in Reference B2 (Page 19, Lines 14-16), it is known in the art to convert the received information as needed."

According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Action, document B3 discloses:

"It is known in the art as shown by Reference B3 (Paragraph [0046]), for instance, to execute mutual authentication procedures as in the invention of subject application 7."

According to an English translation of the Japanese Office Action, document B4 discloses:

“Reference B4 and the inventions of the subject application 1, 2, 6 and 13 both describe a hand-held PC having a function to connect to the internet (lower portion of Page 46) and a function to communicate using local personal computers and serial cables (middle portion of Page 44) or infrared (middle portion of Page 45), which also has a function to receive the address book or the set-up (information) for dial-up connection from said personal computers (Page 46).

However, there is a difference in that the inventions of the subject application 1 and 13 are configured so that the mobile terminal side obtains the set-up information from the local computers, whereas Reference B4 is configured so that the personal computer side sends the set-up information to the hand-held PC. (Difference 1)

Another difference is that in of the invention of the subject application 2, the mobile terminals have a configuration to convert the set-up information which is received when necessary; whereas in Reference B4, the conversion takes place on the personal computer side before the information is sent (Page 50). (Difference 2)”

As noted, the characterizations of the Japanese Patent Office noted above are based on an English translation obtained by Applicant's representative. The disclosure of these characterizations should not be construed as an admission of or agreement with the opinions expressed in the Japanese Office Action.

Unless otherwise indicated, no English translation is readily available (not considering machine-generated translations that may be freely available online, to both the Applicant(s) and the PTO) for each of the non-English language documents. However, a commercially

available English language abstract is provided herewith, where indicated on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. Inasmuch as Applicant(s) has endeavored to provide at least one item that complies with the requirement for a "concise explanation of relevance" for each of the non-English language documents, each of these documents has been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

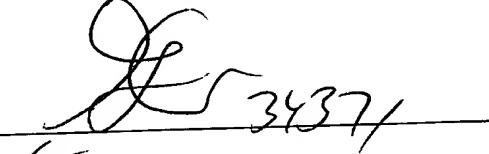
STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to filing of this Statement.

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